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1. The following rail shipments were observed passing through the Frankfurt/Oder border station between 29 May and 9 June 1954:

E - boxcar
F - flatcar
G - gondola car
RRym - heavy-duty flatcar
T - tank car

Date in May	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
29	30 B	rye	Frankfurt/Oder- border	Leipzig
	34 B	"	"	Halle, Trotha
	8 B	"	"	Berlin- Siemensstadt
	6 G and F	machinery	Aue	Brest Litovsk
	6 G	celles	Berlin	"
	10 B	buna	Merseburg	"
	16 F	machinery and machine parts	Magdeburg	"
30	35 B	rye	Frankfurt/Oder- border	Frankfurt/Oder ration supply depot
	48 B	"	"	Halle, Leipzig
	38 B	"	"	Gross Neuendorf

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Date in May	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
	4 F	light rails	Frankfurt/Oder- border	Chemnitz
	12 F	crane parts	Eberswalde	Brest Litovsk
	14 F	machinery and machinery parts	Magdeburg- Buckau	"
	2	railway cranes	Leipzig-Deutsch	"
	4 B	paraffine	Troeglitz	"
30	6 B	roof paper	Rositz	"
	8 B	carbide	Plesteritz	"
	2 B	films	Wolfen	"
Date in June				
2	43 B	rye	Frankfurt/Oder- border	Radolstadt
	36 B	"	"	Riesa
	24 B	"	"	Leipzig
	8 RRym	rails	"	Wittenberge
	6 F	iron	"	Chemnitz
	42 B	rye	"	Twicken
	12 B	roof paper	Webau	Brest Litovsk
	10 F	machinery and machinery parts	Goerlitz	"
	14 B and F	wine containers and enamel	Thale	"
	12 F	machinery and machinery parts	Dessau	"
3	32 B	rye	Frankfurt/Oder- border	Halle, 1 Trotha
	4 F	iron plates	"	Wernnewende
	2 F	"	"	Wernar
	4 F	iron	"	Chemnitz
	2 F	"	"	Halle
	8 B	roof paper	Webau	Brest Litovsk

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Date in June	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
	8 G and F	machinery	Netzschnau	Brest Litovsk
	6 B	ceramics	Sommerwerda	"
	8 B	carbide	Piesteritz	"
	10 F	machinery and machinery parts	Magdeburg	"
4	31 B	rye	Frankfurt/Oder-border	Erfurt, Harbach
5	26 B	"	"	Leipzig, Plagwitz
	8 B	"	"	Berlin-Siemensstadt
	10 B	coal	"	Merseburg
	4 G	pig iron	"	Riesa
	10 B	carbide	Piesteritz	Brest Litovsk
	12 B and F	wine containers and enamel	Thale	"
	12 B	sheet aluminum	Hettstett	"
	10 T	fuel	Grosskorbetha	"
	8 G	machinery	Behfelde-Seelow	"
	6 G	"	Netzschnau	"
6	40 G	ore	Frankfurt/Oder-border	Ziltendorf
	10 B	undetermined	"	Hettstett
	18 B	carbide	Piesteritz	Brest Litovsk
	6 F	machinery for China	Leipzig	"
	6 B	paraffine	Troeglitz	"
	8 F	machinery	Leipzig	"
	6 F	"	Leipzig-Plagwitz	"
	8 F	"	Magdeburg-Buckau	"
	6 G	crates	Radeberg	"
	4 B	ceramics	Sommerda	"

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Date in June	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
8	32 B	rye	Frankfurt/Oder-Border	Erfurt 1
	6 F	iron	"	Wiederitzsch
	12 B and F	wine containers and enamel	Thale	Brest Litovsk
	6 G	cables	Berlin	"
	8 B	buns	Merseburg	"
	6 F	machinery and machinery parts	Leipzig-Flugwitz	"
	4 F	"	Stassfurt	"
9	30 B	rye	Frankfurt/Oder-border	Frankfurt/Oder-ration supply depot
	30 B	"	"	Gross Merandorf
	50 G	ore	"	Ziltendorf 4
	20 G	coal	"	Merseburg
	8 G	"	"	Wittenberge
	4 F	steam boilers	Dresden-Neustadt	Brest Litovsk
	14 F	machinery	Leipzig-Stoetteritz	"
	6 F	"	Stassfurt	"
	6 B	paraffine	Troegwitz	"
	6 B	roof paper	Webau	"
	8 B	carbide	Plesteritz	"
	6 F	machinery	Netzsachkau	"

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A sedan arriving from Brest Litovsk [] was
unloaded at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. []

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2. The following shipments were observed passing through the Muellrose railroad station between 4 and 16 June:

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E - express train coach
R - refrigerator car

Date in June	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To	
4	10 E	new E-cars	Halle/South	Brest Litovsk	7
	4 F	wheel sets	"	"	7
9	49 E	fertilizer	Grosskorbetha	Danzig	
	23 F/S	Soviet-type refrigerator cars	Coswig	Brest Litovsk	7
	7 F	wheel sets	"	"	7
11	10	new E-cars	Halle/South	"	)
	4 F	wheel sets	"	"	
13	23	Soviet-type refrigerator cars	Coswig	"	) 7
	7 F	wheel sets	"	"	
	1 B, 2 T	94mm 122-mm field howitzers (model 1938)	Frankfurt/Oder- border	in the direction of Jueterbog	
	36 F				
16	30 F	30 canvas-covered six-wheel motor vehicles (probably M 3 armored personnel carriers)	"	in the direction of Cottbus	9

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On 18 June, a train consisting of 45 flatcars with 45 canvas-covered six-wheel motor vehicles, probably M 3 type armored personnel carriers, was standing at Frankfurt/Oder passenger railroad station headed in the direction of Cottbus.

3. The following shipments were observed at Frankfurt/Oder between 9 and 11 June:

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Date in June	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
9	56 B	empty	Frankfurt/Oder	Brest Litovsk
	56 B	undetermined	Brest Litovsk	Frankfurt/Oder
10	56 B	"	Frankfurt/Oder	Brest Litovsk
	46 B	uranium ore	"	" 10
	55 B	undetermined	Brest Litovsk	Frankfurt/Oder
	54 F	iron tubes and iron plates	Brest Litovsk	Frankfurt/Oder
11	56 B	undetermined	Brest Litovsk	Frankfurt/Oder

A train carrying 50 AT guns coming from the direction of Cottbus was observed arriving at the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard. The receiving station of the shipment could not be determined.¹¹

1. Comment. These are probably Soviet shuttle trains carrying grain for civilian consumption. The shipments dispatched to the Frankfurt/Oder ration supply depot were possibly consigned to the large ration supply depot of the GOPG located there. 25X1
2. Comment. This is the first Soviet shipment of rails to East Germany to be reported after a prolonged period of time. Assuming that the 80-ton load capacity of the RRYm type cars was fully utilized, the shipment consisted of a total of 650 tons of rails or 6.5 km of trackage. 25X1
3. Comment. Fuel delivery by the Leuna Works to the USSR. 25X1
4. Comment. Few materials delivered to the Foundry Combine East (EKO) at Fuerstenberg/Oder. 25X1
5. Comment. Possibly signal equipment dispatched to the USSR by the Sachsenwerk Radeberg which manufactures microwave radio sets, standard radio sets and telephones. 25X1
6. Comment. [Redacted] 25X1
7. Comment. Deliveries of East German railroad car factories to the USSR. The Soviet-gauge wheel sets carried along will be used on the new cars in the USSR. 25X1
8. Comment. This gun shipment from the USSR was probably consigned to the GOPG weapons and equipment park at Jueterbog-Altes Lager. 25X1
9. Comment. Since April 1954, shipments of armored personnel carriers have occasionally been observed to arrive in East Germany from the USSR. 25X1

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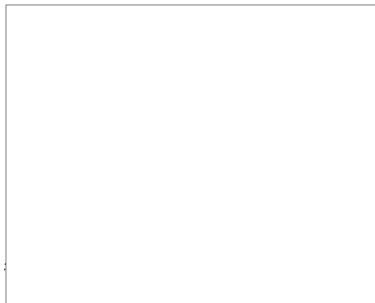
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10.  Comment. Uranium ore dispatched to the USSR averages 600 to 700 carloads per month.

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11.  Comment. Probably obsolescent AT guns returned to the USSR. They were replaced by 85-mm AT guns in the winter of 1953/1954.

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